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JULY - AUGUST 1988

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SCDXC Repeater 145.48 MHz. Trans - 600 * DX NET: Thursday, 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 14, 7:30 PM AT SHAKEY'S PIZZA

JULY MEETING

The annual SCDXC Pizza Bash will be held at Shakey's Pizza in West Los Angeles. Directions from the North: South on 405, Santa Monica Fwy East to Fairfax, North on Fairfax to Olympic, East on Olympic to 6052 W. Olympic Blvd. Directions from the South: North on the 405 to the Santa Monica Fwy. East to Fairfax, North on Fairfax to Olympic.

There will be lots of prizes according to John, WA6LOD. The grand prize will be a new Kenwood 2 Meter handheld.

AUGUST MEETING

The August club meeting will take place at the DWP on August 11, 1988 at 7:30 PM. Several topics of discussion which were held over for the past few months will be discussed including our new operating budget and pending motions on the floor. Be sure to attend this very important meeting.

The guest speaker for the evening will be our very own Shel Shallon, W6EL, discussing what makes the ionosphere work. Bring your best questions on propagation and find out what all those numbers mean from WWV and what we can expect during this sunspot cycle.

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The deadline for the September issue of the SCDXC Bulletin is August 26, 1988.

RESIGNATION

Bill Kendrick, WK6V, has resigned as our Secretary, Membership Chairman and Contest Chairman. A letter was received by our President from Bill stating no reason for his sudden departure. He has also resigned from the SCDXC. We would all like to thank Bill for his many hours of work in all his jobs with the club. He will be missed.

The Board has elected Gary Pesselt, WB6PSY, to fill the vacancy of Secretary for the remaining term. Joe Merdler, N6AHU, has agreed to take over the position of Membership Chairman and Contest Chairman for the remainder of the year. We wish both these gentlemen good luck in their new positions with the club.

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Someone said that the membership of every organization is made up of four kinds of bones:

1. WISHBONES: They spend their time wishing that someone else would do all their work.
2. JAWBONES: Do all the talking but very little work.
3. KNUCKLE BONES: They knock everything and everybody that tries to do anything.
4. BACKBONES: They stand up and carry the load and get things accomplished.

What kind of Bones are you?
----From the Spring 1988 Wind Pipeline--

Because of the resignation of Bill Kendrick, WK6V, there are no minutes from the June meeting or June Board meeting in this issue.

REPEATER NEWS

The SCDXC Station Master antenna has failed and is beyond repair. A temporary antenna (Hustler G7) is in place until a new Station Master can be acquired. The winds on the mountain top can be severe and a commercial quality antenna is a must.

Each of us must remember to welcome strangers on the repeater. It is appropriate to tell them the purpose of the machine and extend an invitation to become a participant if they are interested in DX. The repeater is a good source of new members to the SCDXC if we make strangers feel welcome. One individual was nearly run off the machine without any display of friendliness. Another motorist reporting a freeway accident was greeted by a member who sounded "put upon" when asked to call the CHP. In short, we all need to practice *REPEATER ETIQUETTE.*
---Jim, K7EG.

NEW MEMBERS

The SCDXC welcomes the following new members to our ranks:

Robert Frew, KI6VR
Harvey Shore, K6EXO
Charles Spetnagel, N7QQ
Robert Woody, K7ENA

SOLAR CYCLE MAY BE EARLY

The peak of the next solar cycle may occur as early as late 1988, and may possibly be the most intense cycle ever measured. According to Dr. Patrick McIntosh, Director of Solar Physics Research at NOAA's Space Environment Laboratory at Bolder Colorado, the solar activity level could reach normal maximum by summer if current trends continue. Earlier predictions based on traditional methods suggested that 1992 be the maximum. Predicting solar activity is risky, and Dr. McIntosh cautions that the rapidly increasing levels could flatten out. However, NASA is apparently taking some precautionary action with its low orbiting satellites, protecting them from "drag" that increases during periods of high solar activity.
---from the Texas DX Society, The Bullsheet, June 1988.

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The September meeting will feature Louis Diaz, KP4DX, who will provide us with a show on "The Big Gun of Puerto Rico," NP4A. Hopefully he will have received a group of additional slides covering the new antenna system, as well as some nice shots of the beautiful island. It's not very often we get a chance to see some of the East Coast Sterba Curtain.

It was nice to see several new faces at last month's (June) meeting. Several folks came down from the Ventura area to join and get information on the club. All had attended the convention and liked what they saw. Did you stop and say hello to them?

Come back again, you guys! It was nice to see you again. K7ENA, Bob; KI6YX, Dave; KI6VR, Bob; KB6SMK, John.

When was the last time you invited someone to come along to the meeting?
.....WA6LOD

Computer Program Product Review

N6RJ 2nd OP - THE ULTIMATE TOOL FOR DX'ING

Reviewed by Shel Shallon, W6EL

The N6RJ 2nd OP provides a wealth of information for the active DXer. The following information is available for each DXCC country: short-path bearing, return bearing, long-path bearing, short-path distance, latitude, longitude, sunrise and sunset times, CQ zone, continent, postage rates, IRCs needed, and yes/no indications of 3rd party, reciprocal licensing and outgoing ARRL QSL bureau. Additional bearing and sunrise/sunset times are available for selected cities in the larger countries. In addition, space is provided in the database for the user to store, and later retrieve, 35 characters of his own data for each country under each of the headings of Worked, Confirmed, and User Notes.

The user interface is well planned. Four selection criteria are available for the display of the data for each country: prefix, country name, continent, and CQ zone. You may select countries sequentially by any of these criteria, or you may specify a particular country. When specifying by prefix, any valid ITU prefix may be used to display the data for the associated country. For example, 4M will cause the data for Venezuela, YV, to be displayed. This could be very useful in a WPX contest. Most obsolete prefixes may also be used; for example, MP4Q will recall data for A7, Qatar. The entire screen is used to display the data for a given country, or you may choose to display data for 12 countries at one time; in the latter case, space limitations restrict the amount of data that can be displayed for each country. You may also choose to send data for all of the countries to your printer, one line per country; space limitations on each line again restrict the amount of data printed for each country.

Approximately half of the 19-page manual is devoted to easy-to-follow detail instructions for installing 2nd OP on hard or floppy disks, and for customizing the program for your location and time zone and for your printer. You may re-customize the program if these items change at a later date. As part of the customization procedure, the bearings and distances (these are dependent upon your location) are calculated and stored with the data for the DX locations so they are available for instant recall whenever you use 2nd OP. The sunrise/sunset times are calculated the first time you use 2nd OP on any day.

2nd OP runs on IBM-PC-XT-AT or true-compatible computers having 640K of RAM and using PC/MS-DOS 2.1 or greater. Two DSDD floppy disk drives or one DSDD floppy disk drive and a hard disk are required. 2nd OP is copy protected. Available at most ham-radio dealers. Price is $59.95.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: IRCs. Does anyone know of a good source? Please contact W6EJJ. 818-393-0567 days, or 818-790-1725 eves. or on 145.48.

Your Editor, NK6A, is also looking for IRCs. 213-397-2984.

Congratulations to the following members for making the DXCC Honor Roll: Joe Merdler, N6AHU, and Harvey Laidman, N6HL.

The nominee from the SCDXC for representing us for the DX Advisory Committee election will be Jim Stephenson, KM6B.

The next Board meeting will be held at the home of Hugh Allen, W6MFC, on July 28, 7:30 PM.

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A trip to Heaven and Hell was enjoyed by your Editor and his YF, Sheila, over the fourth of July. Heaven and Hell you say? Yes, that's right. Heaven for a view, and Hell for a drink. The view was of the San Francisco Bay and the drinks were courtesy of Lloyd and Iris, W6KG and W6QL, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary along with their traditional party. Music, food and drinks, along with a chance to view their very large QSL collection, was the order of the day.

The Northern California club also mentioned that the next DX Convention will take place one week before Dayton at the Holiday Inn in Visalia. The 1989 dates should be April 21, 22, 23.

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